



Community Services Advisory Commission

June 9, 2015

Minutes

Commission Members:

Present: Christine Gawronski, Ann Bohman, Marilyn Baker, Mindy Carr, Mel Ehrlich, Warren Fishman, Stephanie Hall, Jason McGarvey, Kelli Lynn

Absent: Derek Graham

Staff Members Present:

Michelle Crandall, Asst. City Manager
Matt Earman, Director of Parks & Recreation
Fred Hahn, Director of Parks & Open Space

Guests:

None

I. Call to Order

Chair Christine Gawronski established a quorum with nine of ten members present and called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

None present. The commission discussed other items not on the agenda.

Composting:

Ms. Gawronski stated that she had spoken with John Reiner and he may have a project for the commission to work on regarding compost bins. The group discussed different options available for composting. It was also mentioned that the City of Dublin offers a class on composting, which includes a composting bin with the paid class fees. Discussion also took place about rain barrels and the City code and guidelines for compost bins and rain barrels. Ms. Crandall asked the commission if this is an idea they are interested in working on. If so, Ms. Crandall would communicate this with Council for approval. The commission notified Ms. Crandall that they are interested in working on this project.

Line Dancing:

Mr. Ehrlich shared with the commission an example of something that has really worked well at the recreation center and thanked the recreation staff. Mr. Ehrlich and his wife started taking a line dancing class almost four years ago that only started with eight people in the class. The class has grown to 50 in their class, plus there are two classes that have been added on Sunday afternoon. There is also a line dance group that performs at senior functions at the recreation center. The classes include seniors and boomers. We determined there are three things that are important in the success of a great program which include the instructor, the topic and the cost. The instructor does a great job on the topic and the cost is only \$3 per session with no commitment. The class has grown due to word of mouth and has had great success that the classes have almost outgrown the room. Mr. Earman said he would pass this along to staff.

Corazon:

Ms. Gawronski asked if there was truth to the rumor that the City of Dublin decided not to purchase Corazon and that it was purchased by private investors. Ms. Earman commented that it has been purchased by private investors and the City is not aware of the usage of the facility at this time. Ms. Crandall also commented that

the City did do some analysis of costs to purchase, renovate and operate the facility; but due to the timing and some other opportunities the City is evaluating, the City decided not to make the purchase.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2015

Ms. Gawronski had one minor change to the meeting minutes on page three, under "Other" the second bullet should be changed from "alumni of hers" to "fellow alumnus" She asked if there were any other comments or revisions to the meeting minutes. There being none, Ms. Lynn moved to approve the minutes with the change, seconded by Ms. Gawronski. All in favor, the minutes were approved.

IV. Update on CSAC Projects

Geocaching:

Ms. Carr is in the process of verifying an existing list of geocaching locations within the Dublin Parks. Once this list has been verified, final recommendations of sites and promotion/marketing will be brought forward to this commission.

Bicycle Friendly Community:

Ms. Bohman provided information about a new summer program some of the teachers are participating in at the elementary schools called "Buddy Rides." Some of the teachers have adopted as "buddies" to spend extra time with, especially in the summer riding bikes and learning about the community using the bicycle guide. Once school is back in session the students will also have the opportunity before school to learn about bicycle maintenance from a company called Bike Source. This helps meet the education component of City being a bicycle friendly community. They have plenty of bikes for this program thanks to the Dublin Police Department with their unclaimed bikes.

Civil Discourse:

Mr. Ehrlich has been working with DCRC Staff to discuss the format and potential topics. Next week Mr. Ehrlich will be attending the Tuesday Talks meeting at the DCRC at 2:30 p.m. to present this idea and recruit some volunteers and ideas. If anyone is interested in attending, the meeting is free, they would just need to register at the DCRC.

Fishing Education:

Mr. Hahn updated the commission about fishing signs for the ponds. Six fishing signs have been ordered and will be delivered in early July. Staff has updated the website with some fishing information and there is more information to be added to the website. Three ponds will be featured in M.L. Trabue with one of the fishing education signs. There will also be a sign placed at Ballantrae Park and Shier Rings Park. Staff is trying to promote this on the east side of the river, but as Mr. Earman stated earlier, staff needs to be cautious of promoting neighborhood ponds. Currently all of the ponds on the east side of the river are neighborhood ponds, except Thaddeus Kosciuszko Park, but we are not sure if there is a viable fish population in that pond. Tentatively staff is planning to put a sign by that pond, but we need to confirm there are fish in there first.

Ms. Gawronski state that the new fishing pier at Brandon is getting a lot of usage. Residents are enjoying the area. Further discussion took place about future development of fishing piers in other neighborhoods along with fishing education and programming of those ponds. Mr. Hahn commented that there are not future plans at this time, but he would encourage residents for look for other opportunities. In this situation the residents in the neighborhood welcomed it, but we have originally tried to install one in a different subdivision and the neighbors opposed it and we did not place one in that neighborhood. This type of project is inexpensive in comparison to a park development, so it is relatively easy to get funding for projects similar to this. Mr. Earman also encouraged residents to create programs in their neighborhoods where there are ponds, if the neighborhood has an interest in doing so. The City would not want to start programming activities in neighborhood ponds, because the residents could perceive this as encroaching on their neighborhood parks and we may have some conflict doing so.

Little Free Library:

Ms. Bohman updated the commission on the schools participation in the little free libraries. Currently four elementary schools are participating in the program. There are also six other schools in the district that are interested in participating. Marisa Saelzler, who is coordinating this through the schools, would also like to expand this at two apartment complexes in the area. It was suggested that the CSAC subcommittee consider adding these at the two trailer parks in Dublin. Ms. Carr asked what the City's relationship is to these trailer parks. It was also suggested that there might be other organizations that could provide resources for the trailer park. Ms. Crandall commented that the current assignment for CSAC is to add these in the parks. There would need to be further discussion to include the trailer parks or possibly have a discussion with the schools to approach them. Ms. Gawronski asked if these were in the Dublin School district. The group was unsure of the school district and if these trailer park communities consisted of families or mostly seniors. Further discussion will need to occur about possible locations and types of books that will be included so that all ages can enjoy the libraries.

Pianos for Outdoor Public Access/Playing:

Ms. Gawronski stated that two pianos have been painted and are ready for placement. There are two more in storage that are ready to be painted and another one that ready to be picked up for a donation. There are Elementary schools that are willing to take a piano once school starts back up. Ms. Hall commented that she spoke with the art teacher at her daughter's elementary school and they may be interested in painting one when the kids go back to school and the art club has started back up.

Discussion took place in regards to the location of the two pianos that are ready to be placed

- The commission would like to see one of the pianos placed behind Mezzo's or by Starbucks. Ms. Crandall will look into what is programmed for the space behind Mezzos. It is a public area, so there may be other activities programmed for that space. Staff would need to discuss the area by Starbucks with the owners of that location.
- A few locations suggested by staff are in Coffman Park and Amberleigh Park. There are locations within these parks that are already covered. These would be good locations to test the pianos and see how much usage they get.
- Ms. Crandall will talk to staff about signage for the pianos so that it meets the City's branding standards The commission agreed on having the sign say "You're Welcome to Play"

VII. Next Meeting – September 15, 2015

The commission will recess in July and August. The next CSAC meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Council Chambers.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Carr moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Baker. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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